use will be among partially-seeing school children and aging persons, and the schools, libraries and other institutions that serve them. Anyone, however, may purchase a set.

Test volumes have already been submitted to, and approved by, schools in seven states which have special classes for partially-seeing students. The testing program was conducted by Dr. William H. Nault, World Book's Director of Research, in conjunction with Mrs. Jack A. Williamson, President of the Foundation for the Partially Seeing. Mrs. Williamson first proposed the possibility of a large-type edition to the publishers last May, and has been acing as consultant since then.

Howard pointed out that his publishing firm and its suppliers and printers—including R. R. Donnelley and Sons Co., Kingsport Press, Rand McNally and Co., and West Virginia Paper and Pulp Co.—had pared their costs so that the special edition could be offered at the lowest possible price. The set will be sold for $299, including transportation.

New Regional Committee for Library Service

At a meeting of librarians and educators held at the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, Washington, D. C. on December 15, 1963, a committee was formed for the purpose of keeping better records, and promoting a more efficient exchange, of Braille books and materials among students of the area.

A problem peculiar to this area is that both the states of Maryland and Virginia have counties which are considered a part of the Metropolitan Washington community, but still have their own state regulations. The volunteer transcribers of Washington's "Volunteer Braille Services" work for the entire community but, beyond their service, the interflow of materials is not good.

During the meeting at the Lighthouse, representatives of all the near-by counties and the District of Columbia agreed that this situation should be amended.

Mr. Howard Borthwick, who directs public library services in Montgomery County, Maryland, has accepted the Chairmanship of the new "Metropolitan Area Committee on Library Services for the Visually Handicapped". The Committee's first task, which is presently under way, is the creation of a central file of all Braille textbooks on deposit in any school or agency in the community. With this record established, calls for books may be placed and needs thereby filled more quickly. The new system should also save needless duplication in the purchasing of books from printing houses.

When this improvement in service to Braille readers has been accomplished, the Committee hopes to extend a similar service in other fields such as large type, tape recordings and any aids or devices which may be shared.

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